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Summary

This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

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Sunday 6^{pm}
9 aug 64

Hi again.

Gert is pouting, because I won't go out again. We finished our big day of trimming about 4^{pm}. He looks prettier than before, I think. If I keep at it, I may get the hang of it yet.

It rained here again last nite. I was surprised and very glad I kept at it, until I finished my yard work yesterday. It's clouding up again now, so I guess we'll have another wet night.

I just finished writing Ray and I hope he will be starting for home almost before he gets it. I don't really have much hope that he will get to, I heard he might be extended until November in South Carolina. Of course, our kind of business is full of rumors.

Ray finally has his apartment fairly well set up. He got 3 sets of sheets, towels and p. cases, some kitchen equipment and he's doing a little cooking. He doesn't have a phone though so I can't call him except during the work day. He goes to a phone booth near town to call after about 9^{pm} at night.

I think I told you I have ordered a white carpet from a Mohawk carpet salesman through Mrs. Mauro's husband. I will save about

\$70⁰⁰ and will be getting a white acular fiber rug and heavy gauge rug pad. It will be a 12 x 18 foot rug, trimmed to 11'6" x 18 and then bound. I will have the other 6" to add back on if we ever get to a place with a larger living room.

Since I'm getting a white rug I want you chair re-couped in an avocado, but I'll wait a while for that. I moved the room around last Sunday and the chair doesn't look as worn where it's sitting now.

I do hope you can come over next week. It's bound to be pretty weather again by then. Just call me the night before so I'll be looking for your bus!

I'll quit for now and write a check to pay our w/w insurance.

Mom, here's your check for August.

The Love you,

Dede + Gent.